

PREFACE.

The Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly for 1923-24, was held in the Darbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore, commencing on Monday the 22nd October 1923, and ending on the 27th idem, the Dewan Rajamaanthradhurina A. R. Banerji, M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., presiding.

2. The following statement gives details regarding the number of electorates, the number of seats for which members had to be returned, the number of members returned by the several electorates, and the actual number of members present at the meeting:—

Electórates		Number due	Number returned	Number present
1.	From 68 Taluks and 8 Sub-Taluks	162	162	143
2.	From 62 Municipalities	73	70	62
3.	From 8 District Boards and the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board	18	18	17
4.	From 25 Associations	25	25	21
5.	From other bodies representing Special Interests	4	4	3
Total		282	279	246

The difference in the number due and the number returned is due to the municipalities of Nagamangala, Bannur and Periapatna not deputing a member each.

One member represented two electorates so that the actual number of persons returned was 278.

8. Out of 278 members returned to the Assembly by the various electorates, 4 were Europeans, 19 were Mahomedans, 1 was an Indian Christian and 254 were Hindus.

4. Arranged according to occupation, 60 were merchants, 15 sowcars, 46 village officers (patels and shanbhogues), 89 landholders, 32 lawyers and 36 persons who followed other professions.

5 The attendance of the members at the meetings of the Assembly was satisfactory, 246 having been present out of 278 actually returned or 88·5 per cent nearly.

6. The Hon'ble Mr. W. P. Barton, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., British Resident in Mysore and other European and Indian guests of His Highness the Maharaja and a large number of retired officers and leading citizens of Mysore were present on the opening day of the Assembly. The Members of Government, Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners of Districts attended the meetings as usual.

7. The proceedings commenced at 12 noon on the 22nd October 1923 when the Dewan delivered his Address to the Assembly in English. The Kannada translation of the Address was taken as read and copies of the same were distributed to the members.

8. Addresses from the following bodies were read and presented to the Dewan-President by the representatives of the several bodies as noted hereunder.—

- (1) Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board, by Mr. C. F. Heathcote.
- (2) Malnad Landholders' Association, Hosakoppa, by Mr. H. S. Ganesha Rao.
- (3) Vokkaligara Sangha, Bangalore, by Mr. B. N. Vijayadeva, M.A., Bar-at-Law.
- (4) Lingayat Education Fund Association, Bangalore, by Mr. G. Paramasiviah, B.A., LL.B.
- (5) Indian Christian Association, by Mr. J. R. Isaac, B.A., M.B.E.
- (6) Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore, by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.
- (7) Jaina Education Fund Association, Mysore, by Mr. Shroff Palmarajaiya.
- (8) Audi Dravida Abhivridhi Sangham, Bangalore, by Mr. P. Murugesam Pillay.
- (9) Arya Vaisya Maha Sabha, Bangalore, by Mr. N. V. Narayana Murthi, B.A., B.L.
- (10) Kurubara Sangha, Bangalore, by Mr. G. Sanjeeviah.
- (11) Anjuman-e-mahdevia, Channapatna, by Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.

These addresses with the Dewan's reply thereto are printed as Appendix A.

9. Eighteen interpellations were received from members and printed copies of the same together with replies of Government thereto were distributed to the members of the Assembly on the 25th October 1923. These interpellations and answers are printed as Appendix B.

10. Inclusive of the opening day, the sittings of the Assembly lasted for 5 days from the 22nd to the 27th October 1923. No meeting was held on Wednesday the 24th October 1923 on account of the Mysore University Convocation. On the opening day of the Assembly, as soon as the Dewan delivered his speech, Mr. H. Krishna Sastri, Representative Assembly Member, on behalf of the Assembly, delivered a short speech complimenting the Dewan on his interesting Address to the Assembly.

11. A summary of the discussions of the representations made by the members and the replies of Government thereto will be found as Part I at the beginning of this volume. Subjects not discussed owing to the absence of the proposers or for other causes have been separately arranged and printed as Part II.

12. Out of the following four special subjects placed before the Representative Assembly, only the last one, *viz.*, Improvement of the Process Service, was discussed and the first three subjects were decided to be referred to the new Assembly to be constituted under the Reforms Scheme.—

1. Press Regulation.
2. Maintenance of restored tanks.
3. Irrigation Bill, and
4. Improvement of the Process Service.

13. The note on each of the above subjects placed before the Assembly together with a summary of discussions on the last subject is printed as Appendix C.

14. After the discussions were over on the 27th October 1923, the Dewan made a few concluding remarks touching on some of the important subjects discussed during the session and indicated in general terms the policy of Government in respect of them. These closing remarks are printed as Appendix D.

15. On the same day, the Dewan, after some introductory remarks, read His Highness' Proclamation on the Constitutional Reforms which was received by the whole Assembly standing with due reverence and loyalty and devotion to the Throne and the person of His Highness. These introductory remarks and Proclamation of His Highness and other papers connected with the constitutional reforms are printed as Appendix E.

16. The session closed on the 27th October 1923 with three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja.

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